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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) **CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371**

U.S. APPLICATION NO. ~502435

International	Application	No.
PCT/JP98/040	063	

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Title of Invention

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

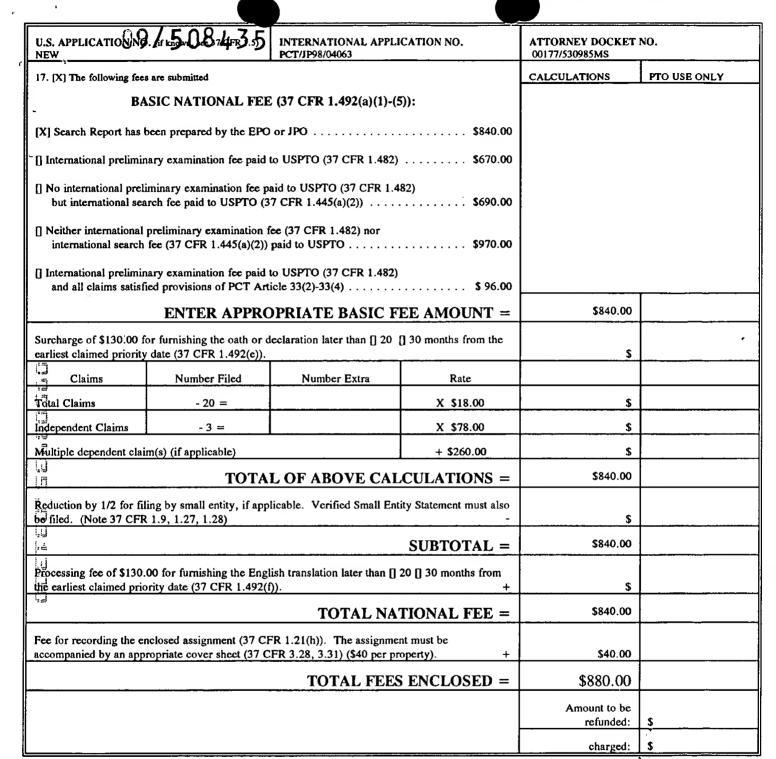
- This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
- This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371. 2. Π
- This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination 3. ∏ until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
- [] 4 [X] A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. If
- A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2)) [X]
- ∏ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). ===
 - [X] has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
- IJ [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). I
- 6. [X] A translation of the International Application into English (35 USC 371(c)(2)). ATTACHMENT A
- Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)). 7.]
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- [] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. ij c.
- [] have not been made and will not be made. j d.
- A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)). 8. П
- An executed oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC 371(c)(4)). ATTACHMENT B 9. [X]
- A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC 371(c)(5)). 10.[]

Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:

- An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. ATTACHMENT C 11.[X]
- An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 12.[X]

ATTACHMENT D

- A FIRST preliminary amendment. ATTACHMENT E 13.[X]
 - A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
- 14.[] A substitute specification.
- A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 15.[]
- Other items or information: 16.[]





a. [X]	A check in the amount of \$880.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
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c. [X]	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>23-0975</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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